GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
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IDENTIFICATION OF NEW PEAKS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have identified and thrown open some 20 virgin peaks to mountaineers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the arrangements made/being made to promote mountaineering with respect thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

(a)&(b): As per the information made available by Indian Mountaineering Foundation (IMF) which promotesmountaineering expeditions, 18 Not Yet Climbed Virgin peaks in open area are available to mountaineers for climbing.

(c): The steps taken by thej Indian Mountaineering Foundation to promote mountaineering in the Indian Himalayasinclude; making available of information on mountaineering on website, providing grants/scholarships to Mountaineering Expeditions going to Himalayas as well as to the students for doing mountaineering courses, production of publicity literatures on mountaineering including those Do`s and Don`ts in Himalayas, participation in internationalconferences to promote mountaineering in India; providing mountaineeringj equipment on hire basis and publication of Indian Mountaineer Journal which is circulated all over the world.